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March 13, 2018 Comp Sale
3160 (MT00200)

September 29, 2017

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) North Central Montana District Division of Oil and Gas has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential effects from offering 24 nominated lease parcels for competitive oil and gas leasing in a sale tentatively scheduled to occur on March 13, 2018.

The EA with an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments must be postmarked by October 30, 2017, to be considered. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Email: BLM_MT_Great_Falls_Lease_EA@blm.gov

Mail: NCMD Division of Oil and Gas
Attn: Mark Albers
1220 38th Street N
Great Falls, MT 59405

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Upon review and consideration of public comments, the EA will be updated as needed. Based on our analysis, parcels recommended for leasing in our assessment would be included as part of a competitive oil and gas lease sale tentatively scheduled to occur on March 13, 2018.

Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record and FONSI will be finalized and posted for public review on our BLM e-Planning website. Please refer to the BLM e-Planning website at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do Current and updated information about our EA, Lease Sale Notice, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above.

If you have any questions or would like more information about lease sale notices or the issuance of the EA, Decision Record and FONSI, please contact Amy Waring at 406-869-5095 or Tessa Wallace at 406-791-7768.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale H. Manchester", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dale H. Manchester
NCMD Division Chief
Oil and Gas